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SUMMARY: AT MARCH 7 DPC, AMBASSADOR BRUCE SUMMARIZED CONGRESSIONAL
ACTIVITY ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AND PROPOSED DPC CONSIDER
TURKEY'S NATO-RELATED EQUIPMENT AND FUND NEEDS. TURKISH PERMREP
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. POSITION. IMS AND DRC WERE
COMMISSIONED TO STUDY CONSEQUENCES OF U.S. AID CUTOFF FOR
ALLIANCE, TURKISH AND U.S. DEFENSE POSTURES. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT MARCH 7 DPC, AMBASSADOR BRUCE DREW ON REF A TO INFORM ALLIES

OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY AIMED AT RESTORING MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES TO TURKEY. AMBASSADOR ERALP (TURKEY) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF U.S. ADMINISTRATION WITH THE CONGRESS AND THANKED SYG LUNS FOR HIS ATTEMPTS TO CONVINCE THE CONGRESS AND U.S. PUBLIC OPINION OF THE IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

2. TURKISH PERMREP ADDED THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROBLEM WAS URGENT AND THE OUTCOME OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY AS YET UNKNOWN. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE DPC COMMISSION THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

3. SYG LUNS REPLIED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF HAD BEGUN STUDYING THIS PROBLEM. MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HILL-NORTON SAID THAT THE IMS HAD BEEN STUDYING THE PROBLEM AS A "PRIVATE ENTERPRISE" AND WOULD OF COURSE ACCEPT A FORMAL COMMISSION FROM THE DPC. HILL-NORTON SUGGESTED SUCH A STUDY COVER THE EFFECTS OF THE CUTOFF ON THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE POSTURE, AS WELL AS THOSE OF TURKEY AND THE U.S. THE SYG NOTED THAT AN ASSESSMENT WAS NEEDED QUICKLY.

4. TURKISH PERMREP SUGGESTED THAT THE DPC REVIEW THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE CUTOFF, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE PREPARE SUCH AN ASSESSMENT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL HUMPHREYS NOTED THAT THE DRC WOULD NEED INFORMATION FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO DO SO. TURKISH PERMREP PROMISED TO CONVEY REQUESTS FOR SUCH INFORMATION TO ANAKARA.

5. AMBASSADOR BRUCE DREW ON REFS B AND C IN REQUESTING THE DPC TO CONSIDER TURKEY'S NATO-RELATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND FUND NEEDS.

6. TURKISH PERMREP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S STATEMENT AND ECHOED U.S. VIEW THAT WHILE ANY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY BY NATO MEMBERS WOULD BE AS INDIVIDUAL ALLIES, THE STUDY OF TURKEY'S NATO-RELATED NEEDS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ALLIANCE AS AN INSTITUTION.

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7. COMMENT. PRIOR TO RAISING ISSUE IN DPC, AMBASSADOR BRUCE DISCUSSED WITH SYG LUNS USE OF DPC FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. LUNS UNDERTOOK TO INFORM GREEK AMBASSADOR OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOLLOWING MARCH 7 DPC MEETING. PRIOR TO MARCH 7 DPC MEETING AMBASSADOR BRUCE HAD BRIEFED TURKISH PERMREP RE U.S. VIEWS ON DPC ROLE IN TURKISH ASSISTANCE PROBLEM. END COMMENT.
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